

more time so everybody could....

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment reads as follows:
(Read Lewis amendment.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to the Lewis amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, yes, I do and I would probably like to ask Senator Lewis a question or two before we get through. I think on the surface this sounds excellent, and it would be nice if we had a fleet of cars waiting out here for us to use. How far are you going to go, Senator Lewis? Does this mean that if Friday night comes and I want to go home that I have to check with the motor pool first and see if there is a car available for me, or do I get to drive my own?

SENATOR LEWIS: (mike not activated).....the expenses. The purpose of this, and I think you ought to realize this... six years ago I got into this controversy and I sent a simple letter to the Department of Administrative Services and I said, how many vehicles do we have? So they searched for a while and they searched for a while and they finally came up, and at that time we had 20,000 vehicles that belonged to the State of Nebraska of some kind or another. The purpose of this is to say, listen, University of Nebraska, and they have a sizeable fleet, and I don't want to be critical because that is not my nature, but they do have cars on hand, and if we bought cars over there and somebody is going to go to Grand Island, he ought to take one of those cars and go out there is what I am trying to say. And again, I think that we have tried to operate this and I talked to Brent Stevenson about it the other way from the Department of Administrative Services, and he thinks that can work out correctly for us. But you know, we are even in the same case. If I am going to drive to North Platte, and I have done it before, or to somewhere else, we have taken a state vehicle. In fact, we had the hearing in Scottsbluff and Mr. Bowmaster went out there with us and he drove the vehicle out there. The concept has got to be there. There has got to be some reasonable administration to it too and I know there will be.

SENATOR KAHLE: This is the part that worries me and I really hate to see it put into the bill at least to that extent. We probably should have it spelled out a lot more than it is if you are going to require that, because many many times it would be much simpler, easier, cheaper to use